Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of Esther Henrikson, and we are richer because Esther lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love, as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Esther was born September 29, 1915, on a farm north of Arlington, South Dakota, to Christian and Grethe Pedersen and attended country school at Pleasant Valley; and,

Whereas, Esther married Clifford Henrikson on May 8, 1957, in Arlington, and to this union they were blessed with two children, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Esther and Clifford lived and farmed four miles north of Arlington, and upon retiring they moved to Arlington; and,

Whereas, Esther resides at the Golden Living Center in Arlington and will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her family and friends gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 29, 2015, as

ESTHER HENRIKSON DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all her many family and friends in wishing her a happy birthday.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fifteen.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State